following rewritten paragraph:

--Another similar message is the empty grid description with a grid exception. When the electronic pen 10 requests a new grid description from the electronic pen client 22, the electronic pen client 22 uses the detected position specified in the request to ask the name server 26 for a URL where the application description can be found. If no URL is returned, the electronic pen client 22 can send an empty grid description with a grid exception to the electronic pen 10. The grid exception comprises a rectangle or other shape indicating the area around the detected position where no registered applications can be found. Preferably, the indicated area is as large as possible so that the electronic pen 10 and/or electronic pen client 22 know the extent of the surrounding area that is unassigned and do not have to repeatedly send requests to the name server 26. Thus, the empty grid description with a grid exception causes the electronic pen 10 to unload its current grid and also informs the electronic pen 10 of an area surrounding the detected position that can essentially be ignored because [its] it is not associated with any application.--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 6 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 8, 15, and 23 as follows:

1. (Amended) An electronic reading device, comprising:

an optical detector for detecting positional data for the electronic reading device with respect to an address pattern of a specially formatted surface; and

a sensor comprising a force sensitive detector for sensing whether the electronic reading device is in contact with the specially formatted surface, wherein the detection of positional data by the optical detector is enabled at least when the sensor determines that the electronic reading device is in contact with the specially formatted surface.

7. (Amended) The electronic reading device of claim 1, wherein the sensor detects a user selection of a location on the address pattern in response to a detection of contact between the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface greater than a predetermined threshold force.

8. (Amended) A system for electronic entry of information, comprising:

a specially formatted surface including an address pattern, wherein a particular position on the address pattern can be determined based on an examination of only a portion of the address pattern; and

an electronic reading device including:

an optical detector for detecting a portion of the address pattern adjacent to the electronic reading device;

a sensor comprising a force sensitive detector for detecting contact between a tip of the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface; and

a processor for receiving the positional data and determining a particular position of the electronic reading device relative to the address pattern when the sensor

detects contact between a tip of the electronic reading device and the specially formatted surface.

15. (Amended) A method for using an electronic reading device, comprising the steps of:

sensing whether the electronic reading device is contacting a specially formatted surface using a touch sensor, wherein said touch sensor comprises a force sensitive detector;

detecting positional data for the electronic reading device relative to an address pattern of the specially formatted surface; and

storing the positional data when the touch sensor detects that the electronic reading device is contacting the specially formatted surface.

23. (Amended) An electronic reading device, comprising:

an optical detector for detecting positional data for the electronic reading device with respect to an address pattern of a specially formatted surface;

a sensor comprising a force sensitive detector for sensing whether the electronic reading device is in contact with the specially formatted surface, wherein the detection of positional data by the optical detector is enabled at least when the sensor determines that the electronic reading device is in contact with the specially formatted surface;and

writing means for writing on surfaces, wherein the writing means can be selectively activated and deactivated, the optical detector capable of detecting positional data whether the writing means is activated or deactivated.